**Safeguarding Newsletter**

**February 2024**

**If you have a concern about the safety or welfare of any child at our school, please speak to:**



**Parent Talk**

This is a website from Action for Children which offers advice on a range of issues such as school refusal and healthy eating:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

**County Lines Awareness**

St Giles Trust are running an awareness session for parents, carers and grandparents on 29th February 10.00-11.00

Click this link to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-lines-session-for-parents-guardians-and-carers-tickets-809050159807?aff=oddtdtcreator>

**Internet Watch Foundation**

Increasingly, young people are being contacted in their own homes on online platforms and apps and asked for sexual pictures and videos, while their parents and carers are totally unaware.

The Internet Watch Foundation have produced resources to support families with this issue:

<https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

**Ben Kinsella Parent & Carer Workshops**

The Violence Reduction Association has funded two Ben Kinsella awareness workshops for parents and carers on Gangs, Exploitation and Knife Crime. The sessions will take place on:

**Tuesday 12th March, 18:00pm-19:00pm**

<https://benkinsellatrust.beaconforms.com/form/6b95850f>

**Monday 18th March, 19:00pm-20:00pm**

<https://benkinsellatrust.beaconforms.com/form/557fff12>

(Click on the link to book)

 The sessions will cover:

An understanding of gangs, what they are, do, how and why

Language and slang

County lines, Child exploitation, signs and stages

Online risks for young people, social media

Why exploited/at risk children might resist help and how to overcome this

How we can prevent exploitation/knife carrying as parents and as a community

**Doxing**

In recent years, the practice of doxing has made considerable headlines within online circles, particularly on social media as well as in gaming communities. In short, it is a practice where individuals or groups expose and publicise private information about a person on the internet without their consent, often for the purposes of causing distress or creating malicious intent.

SWGFL have produced a guide about the issue:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/what-is-doxing-a-guide-for-professionals-parents-and-carers/>

**UK Trauma Council**

A series of really useful resources to support young people dealing with trauma. It is aimed at professionals, but would be just as relevant for parents and carers.

<https://uktraumacouncil.org/resources?cn-reloaded=1>

**Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone’s responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play.**

**Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023**